

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY

NOVEMBER 17, 2023

**SCHEDULE AND AGENDA**  
**NOVEMBER 17, 2023 BOARD MEETING**  
**AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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D. Executive Committee

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VI. Recess Meeting

*President Pro Tempore* Riggins convened a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

*President Pro Tempore* Riggins then called upon Board Secretary Jon Waggoner to call the roll. The following voting board members were deemed to be in attendance:

Ms. Caroline M. Aderholt; Mr. William P. Ainsworth; Mr. Michael A. DeMaioribus; Mr. Robert W. Dumas; Mr. Raymond J. Harbert; Ms. Elizabeth H. Huntley; Mr. James R. Pratt, III; Mr. Quentin P. Riggins; Mr. B.T. Roberts; Mr. M. Clark Sahlie; Mr. James H. Sanford; Mr. Wayne T. Smith; Mr. Zeke W. Smith; and Mr. Timothy Vines.

Governor Kay Ivey, President of the Board; and Mr. James W. Rane were absent from the meeting.

The individuals listed above represent all persons recognized as voting board members at the time of the meeting.

*President Pro Tempore* Riggins welcomed those serving on the Board *ex officio* as follows: Dr. Mark Carpenter, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus; Dr. Venessa Funches, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University at Montgomery campus; Mr. John David Jones, President of the Auburn University Student Government Association; and Ms. Sierra Powell, the President of the Auburn University at Montgomery Student Government Association.

Also sitting with the Board were the following persons: Dr. Christopher B. Roberts, Auburn University President; and Mr. Jon G. Waggoner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The following persons were also in attendance at the meeting: Dr. Vini Nathan, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ms. Kelli Shomaker, Senior Vice President for Business & Administration and Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Bobby Woodard, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs; Ms. Jaime Hammer, General Counsel; Mr. Daniel King, Associate Vice President for Facilities; Dr. Carl Stockton, Chancellor of AUM; Mr. Mark Stirling, Director of Auburn University Real Estate; Dr. Joffrey Gaymon, Vice President for Enrollment; Dr. Jared White, Vice President for Governmental Affairs; Mr. Jim O'Connor, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer; and Dr. Jennifer Adams, Executive Director of Public Relations.

*President Pro Tempore* Riggins welcomed the following persons that serve Auburn University and AUM in various capacities: Dr. Robert Norton, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kim Brackett, AUM Faculty Senate President; Dr. Elizabeth Davis-Sramek, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Scott Lane, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Henry Schenck, Institutional Advancement Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Christian Dagg, Property and Facilities Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Oladiran Fasina, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Paul Fox, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Mr. Josh Henderson, Chair of the Auburn University

Administrative & Professional Assembly; Mr. Jason Yeomans, Chair of the Auburn University Staff Council; Dr. Tim Kroft, President of the AUM Faculty Senate; Ms. Rebecca Crumpton, President-Elect of the AUM Staff Council; Mr. Paul Jacobson, Chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors; Ms. LuAnne Hart, President of the Auburn Alumni Association; and Mr. Soolim Jeong, President of the Graduate Student Council.

The Board then met in various committees, each discussing the items which would later appear on the Reconvened Board Meeting Agenda, as follows:

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023 AT 8:35 A.M.**

Chairperson DeMaioribus convened a meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 8:35 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson DeMaioribus called upon Mr. King for discussion of the following Property and Facilities Committee agenda items:

**1. Lowder Hall Advising Suite Renovation, Final Approval**

Mr. King reported that the Harbert College of Business proposed the interior renovation of the Lowder Hall Advising Suite to accommodate the growth of student enrollment and improve departmental efficiency. He stated that the project will renovate 6,500 square feet of space to convert the existing academic advising suite to include a reception area, conference rooms, tutoring spaces, and offices. He shared that the project would enable the Office of Student Advising within the college to improve the student-advisor ratio and provide students with an accommodating and inviting space.

Mr. King indicated that the estimated total project cost of the is \$5.5 million, to be financed by the Harbert College of Business.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Roberts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

**2. Auburn University Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower, Project Initiation and Architect Selection**

Mr. King reported that the Auburn University Regional Airport has proposed the construction of an air traffic control tower. He stated that the project is a high priority project for the airport due to the increase in operations (take-offs and landings) experienced in recent years. He shared that the higher operational tempo necessitates increased control over aircraft, utilizing the airport and its associated airspace such as the Auburn University Professional Flight program, the Air Transportation Department, non-university aircraft that are based at the airport, and daily transient traffic.

Mr. King stated that to facilitate a more timely and efficient design process, the University Architect recommends the approval of Barge Design Solutions, Inc. as the engineer for the

project. He commented that Barge Design Solutions, Inc. was approved as the airport's general consultant at the Board of Trustees meeting on September 16, 2022.

Mr. King reported that the project will be financed by federal, state, and local government funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the initiation of the project and the selection of Barge Design Solutions, Inc. as the project engineer.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Harbert. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pratt, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

### **3. Caroline Draughon Village Laundry Facility Renovation for Recreation and Wellness, Project Initiation and Architect Selection**

Mr. King reported that the Office of Student Affairs has proposed the renovation of the existing Caroline Draughon Village (CDV) Laundry facility to become a new fieldhouse for Recreation and Wellness. He explained that the facility was constructed in 1959 and served the CDV occupants until the residences were demolished in 2007. He stated that since that time, the building has been utilized as a storage and service facility, and is currently unoccupied. He commented that the project proposes to renovate the facility to create public restrooms, offices, equipment check-out, and storage spaces to serve the adjacent intramural tennis and pickleball courts.

Mr. King stated that to facilitate a more timely and efficient design process, the University Architect recommends the approval of Seay, Seay, and Litchfield of Auburn, Alabama as the architect for the project. He commented that Seay, Seay, and Litchfield designed several campus facilities in recent years.

Mr. King indicated that the project will be financed by Campus Recreation and Wellness.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the initiation of the project and the selection of Seay, Seay, and Litchfield as the project engineer.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Vines. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

### **4. Authorization to Use Sole Source Authority**

Mr. King reported that in its recent legislative session, the Alabama Legislature passed a bill that amended Title 39 – Public Works of the Code of Alabama to provide authority regarding sole source procurements that would be beneficial to Auburn University. He

stated that the title requirements must be followed on all state, county, and municipal work contracts. He indicated that Auburn University is required to follow the process and procedures stated in the law in regard to its construction projects.

Mr. King explained that in 2023, the Alabama Legislature amended Title 39 in several areas. He indicated that one such change allows the procurement of “materials, products, or systems by a sole source,” if certain conditions are met. He stated that the Alabama Code allows sole source procurement of material if the item is of an indispensable nature, and that it further states that this determination needs to be made by the Board of Trustees. He added that after reviewing these amendments, the Auburn University Office of General Counsel has advised that the Board of Trustees would need to grant that authority to the President, who can then delegate the authority to Facilities Management.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution authorizing the use of the new authority.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Roberts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pratt, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

#### **5. Authorization to Purchase Materials for Public Works Projects**

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Mr. King explained that in 2023, the Alabama Legislature amended Title 39 in several areas. He reported that Alabama Code §39-2-2(k)(1) allows an "awarding authority" to purchase material or equipment for use on a public works project but stipulates that the remainder of the work under the project must be contracted in accordance with the public works bid law, even if the total cost of the remaining work is under the public works law threshold of \$100,000. He added that after reviewing these amendments, the Auburn University Office of General Counsel has advised that the Board of Trustees would need to grant that authority to the President, who can then delegate the authority to Facilities Management.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution authorizing the use of the new authority.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Pratt. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sahlie, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

## **6. College of Human Sciences: Authorization to Commence Fundraising and Capital Project Planning**

Mr. King reported that the Office of the Provost has proposed the renewal and upgrade of the College of Human Sciences facilities. He explained that the administration seeks authorization from the Board of Trustees to officially conduct fundraising and capital project planning in support of projects to improve the College of Human Sciences facilities.

Mr. King noted that due to the condition of the current facilities, it is anticipated that the university eventually must undertake a construction project or a set of construction and renovation projects to replace Spidel Hall and other College of Human Sciences facilities.

Mr. King shared that President Roberts believes that improving the facilities is well justified and represents a university priority.

Mr. King indicated that prior to initiating such a project, the administration wants to exercise due diligence by enabling the Dean of the College of Human Sciences to conduct fundraising and capital project planning.

Mr. King added that it is understood that any future project would require project initiation and approval by the Board of Trustees, consistent with standing policy.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution granting authorization to officially conduct fundraising and capital project planning in support of projects to improve the College of Human Sciences facilities.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. W. Smith. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pratt, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

## **7. Authority to Sell University Land in Montgomery, Alabama**

Mr. King reported that AUM requests authority to sell a parcel of land that is no longer required to carry out AUM's mission. He indicated that the parcel is located on Hyundai Boulevard in Montgomery, Alabama. He shared that AUM has determined that the parcel will not be used for any strategic need and has recommended its sale.

Mr. King stated that proceeds from the sale will generate revenue and other benefits that could support the capital needs of AUM, including development of an academic and research center on its campus.

Mr. King shared that AUM hired a real estate broker to market the site, as approved by the Board at its February 2021 meeting. He indicated that since that time, AUM has received an offer to purchase the property that is equal to the Fair Market Valuation of the property.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to accept the offer to purchase the property in Montgomery; and approve the sale of the parcel consistent with Alabama law, provided that any sale transactions must be reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel prior to closing.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Harbert. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vines, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote. Mr. Roberts abstained from the vote.

**8. Status Updates – *For Information Only***

- a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater**
- b. Quarterly Report for Projects Costing More than \$500,000 but Less than \$1,000,000 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, Fiscal Year 2023**
- c. Project Status Report**

Mr. King shared that the updates are included for information only and do not require a vote.

Chairperson DeMaioribus thanked Mr. King for his reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:10 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Chairperson Huntley convened a meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Huntley called upon Dr. Stockton for discussion of the following Academic Affairs Committee agenda item:

**1. Proposed Master of Social Work at AUM**

Dr. Stockton reported that the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at AUM has submitted a proposal to create a Master of Social Work Degree program. He shared that the aim is to provide students with the skills they need to help prepare for advanced clinical social work practice. He indicated that the proposed degree program would help meet the growing demand for social workers presently unmet by current programs across the state. He also explained that the proposed degree program would provide AUM students quality social work education, based on the knowledge, values, and skills of the social work profession. Dr. Stockton concluded by stating that the proposal has been endorsed by all necessary persons, including himself.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Dumas. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

Chairperson Huntley thanked Dr. Stockton for his report, and then called upon Dr. Nathan for discussion of the remaining Academic Affairs Committee agenda items.

**2. Proposed Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence Engineering**

Dr. Nathan reported that the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering has proposed a new graduate degree program in Artificial Intelligence Engineering to develop intelligent systems required to make decisions and enhance human capabilities. She explained that the program addresses a statewide and national workforce demand for trained AI professionals in intelligence, machine learning, and natural language processing.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. DeMaioribus. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

### 3. Proposed Closure of the Bachelor of Wireless Engineering

Dr. Nathan reported that the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering has proposed the closure of the Bachelor of Wireless Engineering. She stated that as the industry has evolved, the department can support these educational activities through other degree programs. She indicated that an appropriate teach-out plan has been developed, and once approved, the closure will go to ACHE and SACSCOC for appropriate notification.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. DeMaioribus. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vines, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

### 4. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – *For Information Only*

Dr. Nathan presented the following information items to the Board:

Undergraduate and Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence Engineering, Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering, Samuel Ginn College of Engineering: The 12-hour certificates prepare students to develop algorithms and methodologies for artificial intelligence and machine learning systems and technologies and require courses in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Data Mining with additional electives in areas related to artificial intelligence.

Undergraduate Certificate in National Security and Intelligence, Department of Political Science, College of Liberal Arts: The 15-hour certificate that emphasizes national security theories and practices, including careers in the public and private sectors. Open to all majors, the certificate studies national security issues related to national and international security.

Undergraduate Certificate in Contemporary Korea, Office of International Programs, Office of the Provost: The 12-hour certificate focused on providing a social and technological overview of South Korea and supports students who may work with Korean industries and the Korean community, particularly throughout Alabama and West Georgia.

Renaming the BA and MS in Geography as the BA and MS in Geography and Environmental Sciences, Department of Geosciences, College of Sciences and Mathematics: The college has completed a (1) renaming and (2) reclassification of the CIP Codes for both programs from 45.0701 (Geography) to the STEM-classified 30.4401 (Geography and Environmental Studies) to better reflect the faculty expertise and curricular offerings.

Renaming the BS in Natural Resources Management as the BS in Environmental Conservation and Management, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment: The college is replacing the term “Natural Resources” with Environmental Conservation (supports modern nomenclature and aligns with the college’s recent renaming).

Transitioning the University College from CLA to the Provost's Office: The University College is home to the Interdisciplinary Studies Major and supports pathway students in Auburn First and Path to the Plains and the Exploratory Advising program. Transitioning it the Provost's Office will better support transfer students and prevent losses in credits and time.

Dr. Nathan stated that this item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

Chairperson Huntley thanked Dr. Nathan for her report, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:10 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023 AT 9:10 A.M.**

Chairperson W. Smith convened a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 9:10 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson W. Smith called upon Ms. Shomaker for discussion of the Finance Committee's single agenda item.

**1. The Union Housing Complex Rates for 2024-2025 Academic Year**

Ms. Shomaker reminded everyone that the Board approved the Fall 2024 Housing Rates on August 25, 2023. She indicated that since that time, Auburn University entered into master lease with The Union Housing Complex. She also indicated that The Union Housing Complex will be open for the Fall 2024 semester and its rates were not included in the approval on August 25, 2023. She stated that for those reasons, the request before the Board is to approve the rates for The Union Housing Complex for the Fall 2024 semester, as shown in Exhibit A.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Roberts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

**2. Non-Endowment Cash Pool Investment Policy Revisions**

Ms. Shomaker explained that the Auburn University Non-Endowment Cash Pool Investment Policy does not currently include a provision to invest in internal loans made to university colleges/units, even though that is an existing practice. She explained that internal loans are made to colleges/units for multiple reasons—generally for the purpose of bridging donor funds for specific projects, making renovations to university owned facilities, or completing small construction projects. She stated that accordingly, the request before the Board is to approve revisions to the existing policy to include investing in internal loans, as shown in Exhibit A.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Harbert. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

Chairperson W. Smith thanked Ms. Shomaker for her reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:15 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023 AT 9:15 A.M.**

Chairperson Dumas convened a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

**1. Proposed Awards and Namings**

Chairperson Dumas then asked for a motion to move consideration of the proposed awards and namings to the reconvened meeting.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Harbert. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

With there being no further items, Chairperson Dumas recessed the committee meeting at 9:20 a.m.

*President Pro Tempore* Riggins then moved to reports from various committee chairpersons and lead trustees as follows:

### **Institutional Advancement Committee**

Chairperson Harbert began his report by sharing that the Auburn University and Auburn University Foundation combined endowment estimated value is \$1.078 billion (AU: \$324 million / AUF: \$754 million). He stated that the 2023 calendar year to date is 6.0%. He shared that the estimate for the December 31, 2023 endowment and investment fee is approximately \$46.5 million, up from \$45.4 million for December 31, 2022. He then reported that the foundation has engaged a consultant to assist in evaluating the investment advisor relationship. He shared that the consultant, Manager Analysis Services, has completed the RFP and developed a respondent report. He stated that the foundation investment committee will meet with Manager Analysis Services in the coming weeks to review the report and schedule meetings with finalists. Chairperson Harbert concluded his report with a philanthropic update sharing the FY 2023 fundraising total is \$176 million, exceeding the \$165 million goal. He announced that the FY 2024 fundraising goal is \$175 million, with \$23.7 million begin raised as of November 17, 2023 (13.6% of goal with 12.6% of the year elapsed).

### **Research and Technology Committee**

Chairperson Sahlie began his report by sharing that Auburn University saw an exceptional year of growth in FY 2023 in its externally-funded research and creative scholarship programs. He stated that total extramural funding for the university increased 25% over FY 2022 for aa record high total of \$300 million. He shared that the research programs continue to address significant challenges in improving life, growing the economy, and securing the nation.

Chairperson Sahlie then reported that faculty from the College of Education and University Outreach have been awarded an \$18.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP), funding opportunity to provide greater access to more than 6,500 Alabama middle school students.

Chairperson Sahlie then reported that a multidisciplinary team of faculty from three colleges has come together to advance the performance and adoption of mass timber, also known as cross-laminated timber, which is the forest products industry's latest engineered wood product and one that is manufactured in Alabama using Alabama's plentiful southern pine resource.

Chairperson Sahlie concluded his report by sharing that Auburn University and Corvid Technologies have teamed up to develop new target discrimination algorithms to enhance command and control for the U.S. Missile Defense Agency's (MDA) layered missile defense architecture system. He stated that during an upcoming MDA flight test, the AU-Corvid team (including Auburn University mechanical engineering graduate students) will demonstrate these new capabilities in real time for MDA management and stakeholders at the Missile Defense Integration and Operations Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

*President Pro Tempore* Riggins thanked the committee chairpersons and lead trustees for their reports. He then indicated that the committee meetings and trustee reports were complete.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023 AT 9:25 A.M.**

*President Pro Tempore* Riggins convened a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 9:25 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

*President Pro Tempore* Riggins asked General Counsel Hammer if there was any pending litigation that needed to be discussed in an executive session. General Counsel Hammer indicated that there was pending litigation that needed to be discussed in an executive session.

*President Pro Tempore* Riggins then asked for a motion for the Board to enter an executive session. A motion was received from Mr. Vines. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pratt, and the Board approved the motion by a voice vote.

*President Pro Tempore* Riggins recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:30 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023 AT 10:25 A.M.**

*President Pro Tempore* Riggins reconvened the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 10:25 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

*President Pro Tempore* Riggins then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the August 25, 2023 meeting. A motion was received from Mr. Pratt. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WHEREAS, copies of the minutes of the August 25, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees have been distributed to all members of this Board for review; and

WHEREAS, the members have reviewed the minutes and determined that they constitute a true and correct recitation of the business of the respective meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the minutes of the August 25, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the minutes of the August 25, 2023 Board Meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Riggins asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the awarding of degrees for the Fall 2023 semester. A motion was received from Mr. Sahlie. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

AWARDING OF DEGREES

WHEREAS, Auburn University confers appropriate degrees upon those individuals who have completed requirements previously approved by this Board of Trustees and stated in University Catalogs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That all degrees to be awarded by the faculty of Auburn University and Auburn University at Montgomery at the end of the Fall 2023 semester, complying with the requirements heretofore established by the Board of Trustees, be and the same are hereby approved.
2. That a list of the degrees awarded be filed and maintained in the records of the University and hereby made an official part of this resolution and of these minutes.

## **Property and Facilities Committee**

Chairperson DeMaioribus indicated that the Property and Facilities Committee met earlier and discussed seven action items and one item of information. Chairperson DeMaioribus moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Property and Facilities Committee's seven action items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote with one abstention as follows: Mr. Roberts abstained from voting on item seven, Authority to Sell University Land in Montgomery, Alabama.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

LOWDER HALL ADVISING SUITE RENOVATION

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Harbert College of Business proposed the interior renovation of the Lowder Hall Advising Suite to accommodate the growth of student enrollment and improve departmental efficiency; and

WHEREAS, this project will enable the Office of Student Advising within the Harbert College of Business to improve the student-advisor ratio and provide students with an accommodating and inviting space; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on September 16, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Lowder Hall Advising Suite Renovation project, and at its meeting on November 11, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved Chambless King Architects, of Montgomery, Alabama, as the architect for the project; and

WHEREAS, the project will renovate 6,500 square feet of space to convert the existing academic advising suite into a reception area, conference rooms, tutoring spaces, and offices; and

WHEREAS, the project will renovate space in Lowder Hall, located at 405 W. Magnolia Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Lowder Hall Advising Suite Renovation project is \$5.5 million, to be financed by the Harbert College of Business; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Lowder Hall Advising Suite Renovation project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the Lowder Hall Advising Suite Renovation project in the amount of \$5.5 million, to be financed by the Harbert College of Business; and

2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUBURN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL AIRPORT  
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER PROJECT

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND  
PROJECT ENGINEER SELECTION

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Regional Airport has proposed the construction of an air traffic control tower; and

WHEREAS, the Air Traffic Control Tower project is a high priority for the airport due to the increase in operations (take-offs and landings) experienced in recent years, and will provide needed coordination making the airspace much safer and efficient; and

WHEREAS, this higher operational tempo necessitates increased control over aircraft utilizing the airport and its associated airspace, such as the Auburn University Professional Flight program, the Air Transportation Department, non-university aircraft that are based at the airport, and daily transient traffic; and

WHEREAS, the proposed air traffic control tower will provide the needed coordination between incoming and departing aircraft traffic, thus enhancing airspace safety and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate a more timely and efficient design process, the University Architect recommends the approval of Barge Design Solutions, Inc., as the engineer for the project; and

WHEREAS, this project will be financed by federal, state, and local government funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy, "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the initiation of this project and the architect selection must be submitted to the Board, through the Property and Facilities Committee for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the initiation of the Auburn University Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower project is approved; and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Engage Barge Design Solutions, Inc., of Dothan, Alabama, as project engineer to consult in the development of the facility program and project design; and
2. Limit the project planning and design development to the schematic design phase until such time as the program requirements, budget, funding plan, and site are approved by the Board.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

CAROLINE DRAUGHON VILLAGE LAUNDRY FACILITY RENOVATION  
FOR RECREATION AND WELLNESS

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND  
PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION

WHEREAS, Student Affairs has proposed the Caroline Draughon Village (CDV) Laundry Facility Renovation for Recreation and Wellness project to renovate the existing CDV Laundry facility to become a new fieldhouse for Recreation and Wellness; and

WHEREAS, the CDV Laundry facility was constructed in 1959 and served the Caroline Draughon Village residents until the residences were demolished in 2007 and is currently unoccupied; and

WHEREAS, this project proposes to renovate the facility to create public restrooms, offices, equipment check-out, and storage spaces to serve the adjacent intramural tennis and pickle ball courts; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate a more timely and efficient design process, the University Architect recommends the approval of the firm, Seay, Seay, and Litchfield, of Auburn, Alabama, as the architect for the project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy, "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the initiation of this project and the architect selection must be submitted to the Board, through the Property and Facilities Committee for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the initiation of the Caroline Draughon Village Laundry Facility Renovation for Recreation and Wellness project is approved; and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Engage Seay, Seay, and Litchfield, of Auburn, Alabama, as project architect to consult in the development of the facility program and project design; and
2. Limit the project planning and design development to the schematic design phase until such time as the program requirements, budget, funding plan, and site are approved by the Board.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZATION TO USE SOLE SOURCE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Title 39 - Public Works of the Code of Alabama details the requirements to be followed on all state, county, and municipal public works contracts; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University is required to follow the process and procedures stated in this law on its construction projects; and

WHEREAS, in its recent legislative session, the State of Alabama Legislature passed a bill that amended the Title 39 - Public Works of the Code of Alabama to provide authority regarding sole source procurements that would be beneficial to Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Code §39-2-2(f)(1) allows the procurement of "materials, products or systems by a sole source" if certain conditions are met and the item is of an indispensable nature; and

WHEREAS, this authority is highly advantageous to Auburn University by allowing certain components, that must be integrated and connected across campus, to be of the same make and manufacturer, such as locksets, access control systems, HVAC control devices, elevators, as well as sensors that provide data to the campus energy management system; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing these amendments, the Auburn University Office of General Counsel has advised that the Board of Trustees would need to grant this authority to the President, who can then delegate the authority to Facilities Management; and

WHEREAS, given their oversight role over Auburn University projects, it is appropriate that authority of the revised Title 39 - Public Works of the Code of Alabama be brought to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for approval and use by Auburn University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that use of the revised Title 39 - Public Works of the Code of Alabama is approved, and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to use sole source authority on Auburn University projects.

## PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

### RESOLUTION

#### AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE MATERIALS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Title 39 - Public Works of the Code of Alabama details the requirement to be followed on all state, county, and municipal public works contracts; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University is required to follow the process and procedures stated in this law on its construction projects; and

WHEREAS, in its recent legislative session, the State of Alabama Legislature passed a bill that amended the Title 39 - Public Works of the Code of Alabama to provide authority regarding the purchase of materials that would be beneficial to Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Code §39-2-2(k)(1) allows an "awarding authority" to purchase material or equipment for use on a public works project but stipulates that the remainder of the work under the project must be contracted in accordance with the public works bid law, even if the total cost of the remaining work is under the public works law threshold of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, this authority is highly advantageous to Auburn University by allowing certain components of a project to be purchased by the university for use on a project, for example, long lead time items, such as electrical transformers or switchgear, in advance of bidding the project, or off of a GSA schedule or state contract which has more advantageous pricing; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing these amendments, the Auburn University Office of General Counsel has advised that the Board of Trustees would need to grant this authority to the President, who can then delegate the authority to Facilities Management; and

WHEREAS, given their oversight role over Auburn University projects, it is appropriate that authority of the revised Title 39 - Public Works of the Code of Alabama be brought to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for approval and use by Auburn University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that use of the revised Title 39 - Public Works of the Code of Alabama is approved, and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to utilize this authority to purchase material for use on Auburn University public works projects.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION  
COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES  
AUTHORIZATION TO COMMENCE FUNDRAISING  
AND CAPITAL PROJECT PLANNING

WHEREAS, the Office of the Provost has proposed the renewal and upgrade of the College of Human Sciences facilities; and

WHEREAS, the administration seeks authorization from the Board of Trustees to officially conduct fundraising and capital project planning in support of a project(s) to improve the College of Human Sciences facilities consistent with Board of Trustees policy; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences was founded in 1916 and is the 7th largest college at Auburn University, with an enrollment of over 1,660 students and close to 300 faculty and staff. It has experienced a 28% increase in enrollment over the last 10 years, with three degree programs experiencing a 50% increase during the same period; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences produces over 35,800 credit hours annually, and is ranked 5th in terms of research among Auburn University's colleges, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in terms of “dollars awarded per number of faculty”; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences occupies numerous buildings on the Auburn campus: Spidle Hall, M.W. Smith Hall, the Poultry Sciences Building, Haley Center, Duncan Hall, Dawson Hall, Halliday Cary Pick House, and the Rane Culinary Science Center and was assigned a total of 153,400 square feet of space on campus in 2023; and

WHEREAS, President Roberts believes that improving the College of Human Sciences facilities is well justified and represents a University priority; and

WHEREAS, the administration seeks authorization from the Board of Trustees to officially conduct fundraising and capital project planning in support of a project(s) to improve the College of Human Sciences facilities consistent with Board of Trustees policy “D-2 Campus and Capital Project Planning Policy”; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that any future project for the College of Human Sciences would require project initiation approval by the Board of Trustees consistent with the Board of Trustees policy “D-3 Capital Projects Approval Policy”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, is authorized to conduct fundraising and capital project planning efforts in support of project(s) to improve the College of Human Sciences facilities.

## RESOLUTION

### AUTHORITY TO SELL UNIVERSITY LAND IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, Auburn University owns property in Montgomery, Alabama, for the benefit of Auburn University at Montgomery, to support its academic, research and related educational activities; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery real estate holdings include a parcel of property on Hyundai Blvd (depicted in Exhibit 1); and

WHEREAS, neither Auburn University nor Auburn University at Montgomery currently utilizes this parcel or intends to do so in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, selling this parcel would generate revenue and other benefits that could support the capital needs of Auburn University at Montgomery, including development of an academic and research center on its campus; and

WHEREAS, Alabama law permits the University to offer real property for sale by listing it with a duly licensed real estate broker, provided that the institution determines that this procedure is economically justified and in the best interest of the University; and

WHEREAS, the University hired a real estate broker to market these sites, as approved by the Auburn University Board of Trustees at its February 2021 meeting; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University has received an offer to purchase the property that is equal to the Fair Market Valuation of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that:

1. Auburn University accept the offer to sell the property at Hyundai Blvd, Montgomery, Alabama; and
2. Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to sell the parcel described above, consistent with Alabama law, and is empowered to negotiate and execute the deed and all legal documents necessary to effectuate the transaction provided that any proposed sale transactions and documents must be reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to closing.

EXHIBIT 1

Hyundai Boulevard Site

[Attached]



Norman Bridge Road



Hyundai Boulevard

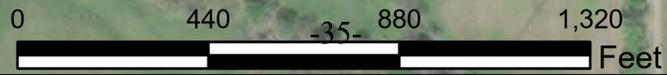
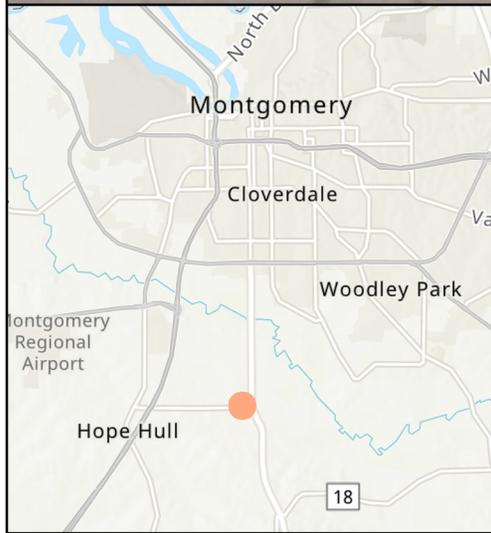


Exhibit 1

STATE OF ALABAMA  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

I, ARTHUR R. NETTLES, A PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA, CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF THAT ALL PARTS OF THIS BOUNDARY SURVEY AND DRAWING HAVE BEEN COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE FOR SURVEYING IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

**SURVEY FOR:** AUBURN UNIVERSITY

*Arthur R. Nettles*

ARTHUR R. NETTLES, AL. P.L.S. NO. 23346  
NOT A CERTIFIED SURVEY UNLESS SIGNED  
AND SEALED WITH MY STAMP



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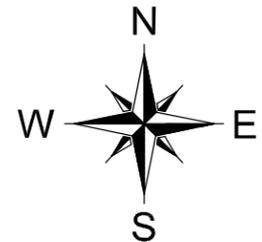
- 1) FIELDWORK COMPLETED APRIL 2, 2021. OFFICE WORK COMPLETED APRIL 15, 2021.
- 2) THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD THAT MAY EXIST.
- 3) BEARINGS BASED ON RTK GPS OBSERVATION USING MONTGOMERY CORS. HORIZONTAL DATUM IS NAD 83, ALABAMA EAST ZONE STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM.
- 4) NORTH IS ASSUMED FROM THE RECORDED PLAT.

**FIELD LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

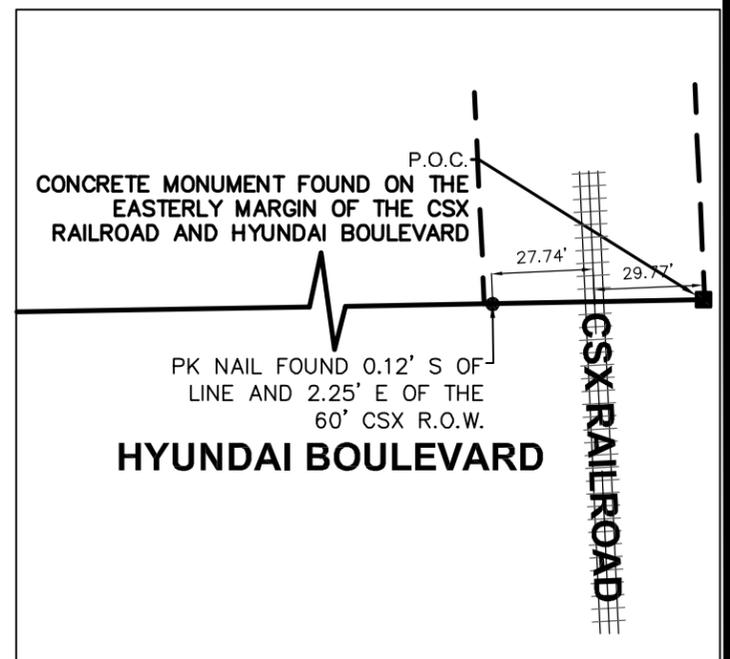
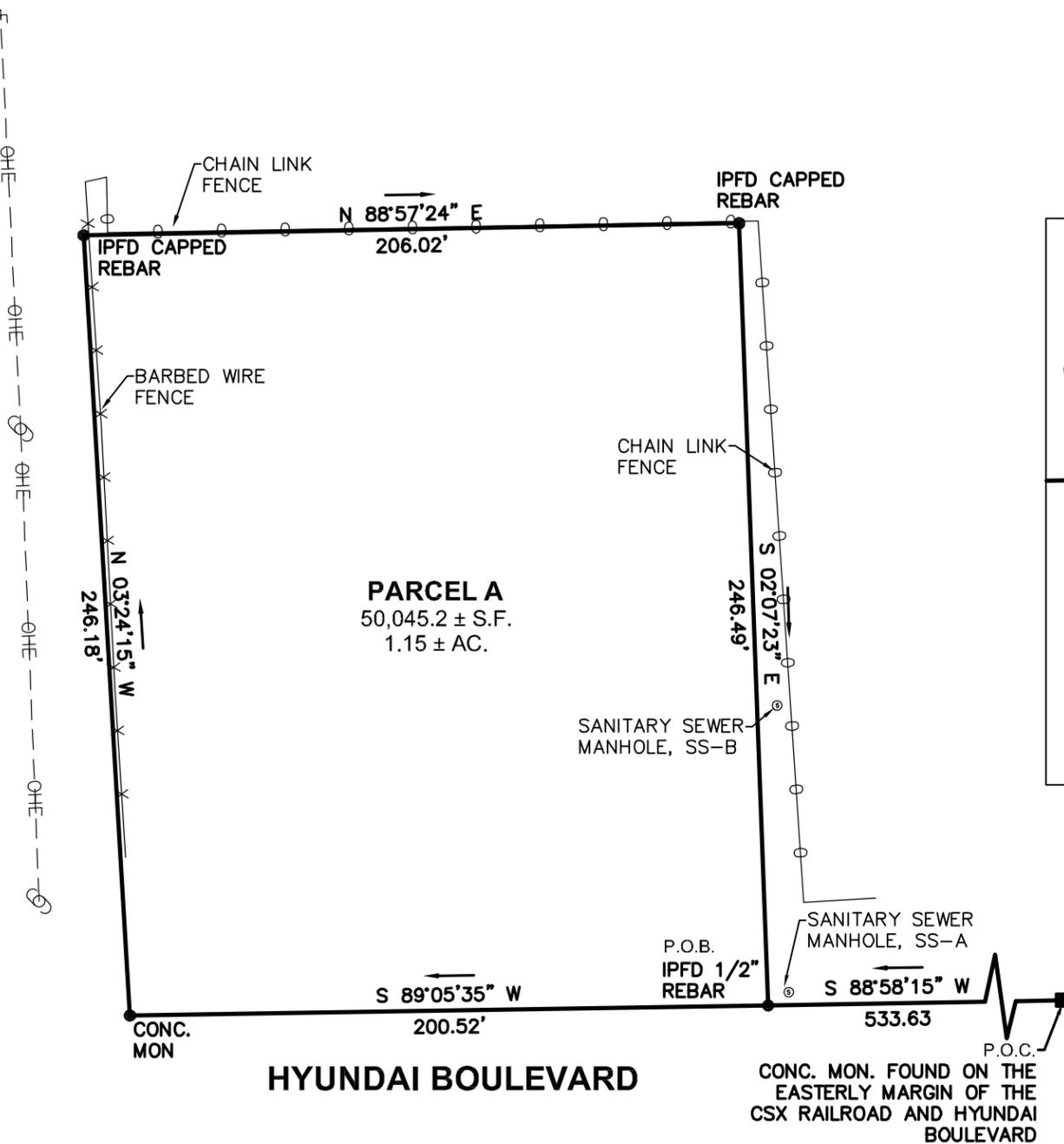
COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT LOCATED ON THE EASTERLY MARGIN OF THE CSX RAILROAD AND HYUNDAI BOULEVARD IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 17 EAST, MONTGOMERY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA; THENCE SOUTH 88°58'15" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 533.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF A PARCEL MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; THENCE SOUTH 89°05'35" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 200.52 FEET; THENCE NORTH 03°24'15" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 246.18 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88°57'24" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 206.02 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02°07'23" EAST A DISTANCE OF 246.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 50,045.2 SQUARE FEET OR 1.15 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

**LEGEND**

- BASELINE PLASTIC CAP BEARING CIVIL DESIGN AND CONSULTING'S ALABAMA CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NUMBER S-922
- (D) PLAT OR DEED DIMENSION
- (F) FIELD MEASUREMENT
- R.O.W. RIGHT-OF-WAY
- OT OPEN TOP
- IPFD IRON PIN FOUND
- IPS IRON PIN SET
- OHE — OVERHEAD ELECTRIC LINES
- ⊗ POWER POLE



SCALE: 1" = 50'



DETAIL  
SCALE: 1" = 50'



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**BOUNDARY SURVEY OF  
LOT 13, ALONG HYUNDAI BOULEVARD**

SEC. 13 T 15 N Rg 17 E  
MONTGOMERY MONTGOMERY COUNTY ALABAMA

SCALE: 1" = 50' APRIL 15, 2021

ARTHUR R. NETTLES, AL. P.L.S. REG. NO. 23346  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NO. S-922

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## **Academic Affairs Committee**

In Chairperson Huntley's stead, *President Pro Tempore* Riggins presented the Academic Affairs Committee meeting report. He indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee met earlier and discussed three action items and one item of information. *President Pro Tempore* Riggins asked for a motion to approve a consent agenda for the Academic Affairs Committee's three action items. A motion was received from Mr. W. Smith. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dumas, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

WHEREAS, a Master of Social Work is designed to provide students with the knowledge, values, and skills they need to help prepare for advanced clinical social work practice through the provision of a curriculum built from a trauma-responsive social justice-focused perspective; and

WHEREAS, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Auburn University at Montgomery wishes to create a Master of Social Work; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program would allow Auburn University at Montgomery students to pursue their Master of Social Work without the need to attend another university after finishing their Bachelor of Social Work program or another undergraduate degree; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program would enhance enrollment of students by providing them with the opportunity to tailor their studies to their unique career goals; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program would help meet the projected workforce needs as evidenced by trends put out by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program would position Auburn University at Montgomery to be more visible and attract more students interested in making themselves more marketable by providing quality social work education, based on the knowledge, values, and skills of the social work profession. Additionally, it will prepare students to work with diverse populations with an emphasis on racial, social, economic, and environmental justice for vulnerable persons, groups and communities, in both rural and urban settings characteristic of the region; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program would require two additional FTE faculty (approximately \$230,000 for salary and fringe benefits) and additional library resources (approximately \$8,500); and

WHEREAS, the proposal for the Master of Social Work has been endorsed by the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the University Graduate Council, the Provost, and the Chancellor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the proposed Master of Social Work from the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Auburn University at Montgomery be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ENGINEERING

WHEREAS, the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering currently offers academic programs that emphasize software applications, including the design and construction necessary for the development of complex software systems; and

WHEREAS, the emergence of artificial intelligence, or AI, has resulted in an increased demand for professionals who possess the foundation, concepts and techniques required to build intelligent systems required to make decisions and enhance human capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering proposes a Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence Engineering for students seeking advanced programming knowledge and data analysis skills essential to working in the field of AI; and

WHEREAS, the proposed programs will prepare graduates and professionals as data scientists able to analyze complex data sets and develop machine learning models and systems; and

WHEREAS, the request to create the graduate degree has been endorsed by the Dean of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, the Graduate Council, the Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence Engineering be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE BACHELOR OF WIRELESS ENGINEERING

WHEREAS, the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering established a Bachelor of Wireless Engineering to provide students with the technical proficiency needed for the professional practice of engineering in the wireless industry; and

WHEREAS, in spring 2023, faculty in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering elected to discontinue the program due to low student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the college will continue to offer this expertise to students through a specialization within the Bachelor of Electrical Engineering and a new Graduate Certificate in Wireless Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the College has developed an appropriate communication and teach-out plan for students currently enrolled in the program; and

WHEREAS, effective immediately, the proposal to close the Bachelor of Wireless Engineer has been approved by the Dean of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, the Graduate Council, the Academic Program Review Committee, the Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed closure of the Bachelor of Wireless Engineering is approved and reported to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval and that the closure be submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges as a proposed substantive change requiring the approval of that body.

## **Finance Committee**

Chairperson W. Smith indicated that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed two action items. Chairperson W. Smith moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Finance Committee's two action items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pratt, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

THE UNION HOUSING COMPLEX RATES FOR 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee previously presented Auburn University Housing (AUH) rates for the academic year 2024 – 2025 and were approved by the Board of Trustees at the August 25, 2023 meeting; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to that meeting, Auburn University Housing (AUH), entered into a Master lease with The Union, on October 19, 2023, to be effective for Fall 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized to establish student housing rates for The Union, as shown in Exhibit A, with the new rates becoming effective in the 2024 fall semester.

**EXHIBIT A**

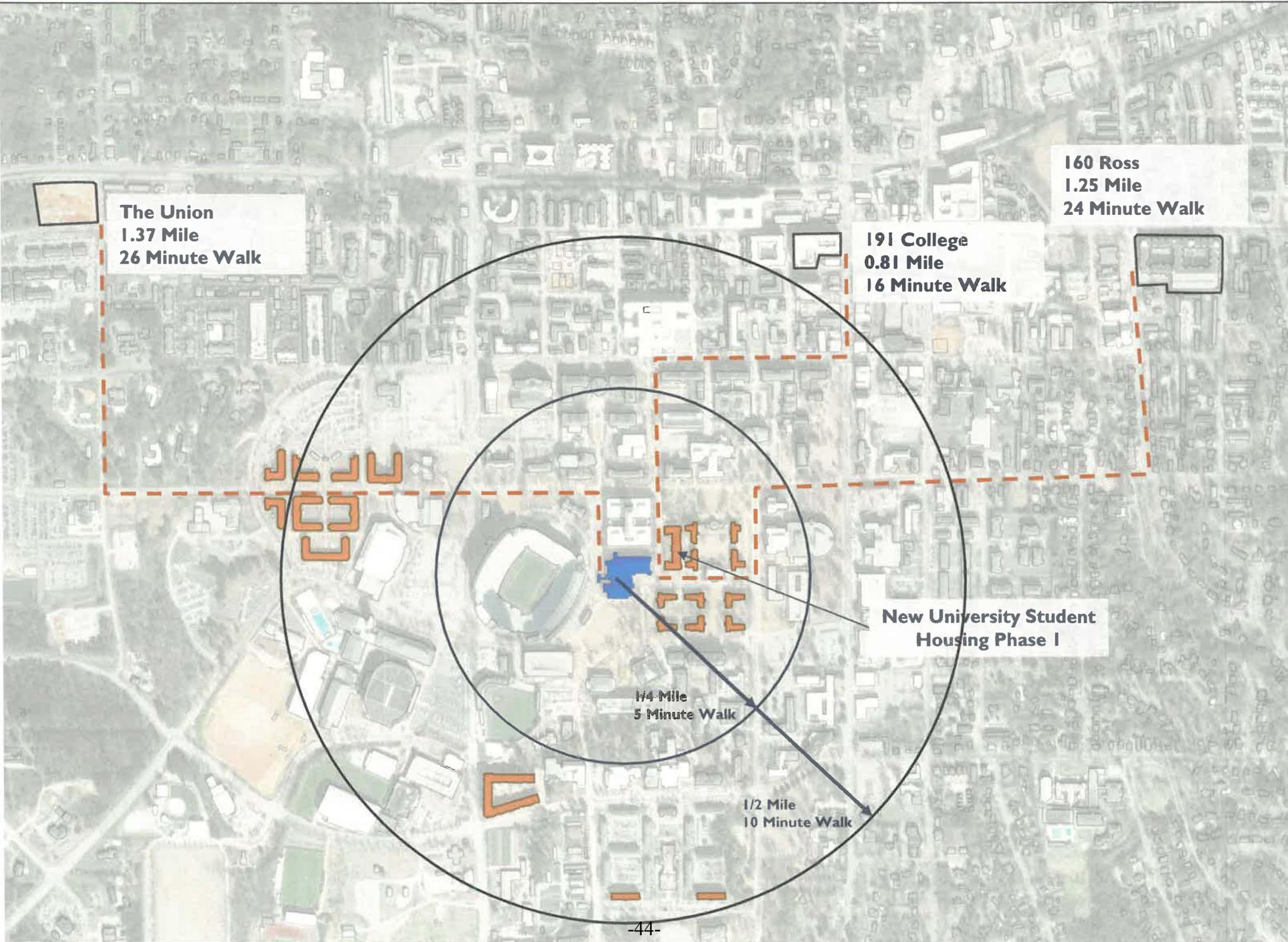
Auburn University Housing  
Semester Rental Rates  
Academic Year 2024-25

<u>Area</u>	<u>Room Type</u>	<u>Current 2023-2024 Rate</u>	<u>Proposed 2024-2025 Rate</u>
The Union	Double	n/a	\$6,620.00
	Triple	n/a	\$6,620.00
	Quad	n/a	\$6,620.00
	5 Bed	n/a	\$6,400.00
	6 Bed	n/a	\$6,400.00

*Prices indicated are per semester*

Summer Rate: (fall rate + spring rate)/3

Mini-mester Rate: (summer rate)/2



FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NON-ENDOWMENT CASH POOL INVESTMENT POLICY REVISIONS

WHEREAS, Auburn University has an existing Non-Endowment Cash Pool that was last revised at the June 10, 2016 meeting; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to that meeting, experience and changing circumstances suggest the Non-Endowment Cash Pool Investment Policy of the Board be revised to make it current and align with evolving practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adopts the “Non-Endowment Cash Pool Investment Policy” as set forth in Exhibit A.

## EXHIBIT A

### **Auburn University Non-Endowment Cash Pool Investment Policy**

#### **Policy Statement**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a framework within which the Office of Cash Management and Treasury manages the cash operations of Auburn University:

- To maximize earnings potential by acquiring assets within prudent guidelines.
- To provide liquidity necessary to conduct the day-to-day business activities of the University.
- To generate a favorable return on investments without undue compromise of other objectives.
- To implement efficient, ~~cost effective~~cost-effective banking operations.
- To conform to all statutes governing the investment and deposit of ~~University~~university funds.

#### **Scope**

This policy statement applies to all investment activities of the Office of Cash Management and Treasury for non-endowed cash entrusted to the Treasurer by Auburn University Board of Trustees as well as related foundations non-endowed cash. These funds are accounted for in Auburn University's ~~Comprehensive~~ Annual Financial Report.

#### **Delegation of Authority**

Amendment 161 as amended, Constitution 1901, states, Auburn University shall be under the management and control of a board of trustees. Therefore, the Board of Trustees shall ultimately be responsible for the investment policy. By Board Resolution the Board of Trustees has delegated investment authority to the President or Treasurer or other such persons as may be authorized to act on their behalf.

The Investment Policy is established to provide guidance in the management of the University's Non-Endowment Cash Pool to insure compliance with the laws of the State of Alabama and investment objectives. The Treasurer has delegated such authority to the Office of Cash Management and Treasury, which is accorded full discretion, within policy limits, to select individual investments and to diversify the portfolio by applying their own judgments concerning relative investment values.

#### **Standards of Care**

- Prudence- Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then

prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived. The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the “prudent person” and/or “prudent investor” standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. Investment officials acting in accordance with the investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security’s credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

- Ethics and Conflict of Interest- The Treasurer, the Senior Vice President for Business and Administration Finance & Chief Financial Officer and the Office of Cash Management and Treasury staff shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Employees shall disclose to the Treasurer any financial interests in financial institutions that conduct business with the Office. Officers and employees of the Office of Cash Management and Treasury will comply with the State of Alabama Code of Ethics, as provided in Sections 36-25-1 thru 30, Code of Alabama (1975).

## **Objectives**

The primary objectives, in priority order, of the non-endowed cash pool investment activities shall be:

- Safety- Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of principal. To obtain this objective, risk diversification will be considered and monitored, including investing funds among a variety of securities offering independent returns. Funds invested in state depositories shall be adequately collateralized.
- Liquidity- The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to enable the Office of Cash Management and Treasury to meet all operating requirements that might be reasonably anticipated or occur. Additionally, a fundamental characteristic of investment securities will be the existence of a resilient secondary market in which assets may be sold timely at market prices.
- Return on Investment- The highest available return will be attained throughout economic cycles, commensurate with the Office of Cash Management and Treasury’s investment risk constraints, statutory constraints, and the cash flow characteristics of the portfolio.

Safety and liquidity will not be compromised in favor of increased rate of return. The use of the investment portfolio for ~~market-oriented~~market-oriented trading activities or speculative purpose is expressly prohibited.

## **Investment Procedures**

The Office of Cash Management and Treasury shall establish a written investment procedures manual consistent with this policy. The procedures shall include reference to safekeeping, approved

brokers and or professional investment managers, banking service agreements, approved depository agreements and procedures, collateral requirements, and bank deposit requests. Such procedures shall include explicit delegation of authority to staff responsible for investment transactions. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and the established procedures.

### **Authorized Financial Dealers/Brokers, Managers and Institutions**

- Authorized Dealers/Institutions- The Office of Cash Management and Treasury shall maintain a list of authorized brokers /investment managers and institutions to transact investments for the University. All interested parties must meet minimum eligibility requirements and provide audited financial statements upon request.
- Investment Managers- The Office of Cash Management and Treasury may seek qualified firms through an open, competitive search and review process to provide professional investment management services. A Request for Proposal will be consistent with the requirements of Section 14-16-72(4), Code of Alabama (1975). Investment managers will assume the standard of care defined in Section 4.1 of this document.

The Office of Cash Management and Treasury may from time to time request disciplinary history, educational background and work experience of candidate firms or representatives. Any false information knowingly submitted, any failed delivery, or failure to follow the ~~non~~Non-Endowment Cash Pool Investment Policy may result in the permanent exclusion of the provider from any further business dealings with the University at the sole discretion of the Office of Cash Management and Treasury.

### **Authorized and Suitable Investment Types**

All external investments will be restricted to fixed income securities with the maturity range to be consistent with the liquidity needs of the pooled fund groups. It is essential that cyclical cash flow be offset by liquid investments while maintaining an overall duration not to exceed ten years. Permissible investment instruments may include but not limited to:

- Repurchase Agreements- Market value of the securities transferred shall equal at least 102% of the amount invested.
- Commercial Paper issued within the United States by any corporation provided the instrument carries a rating of at least P1 by Moody's or A1 by Standard & Poors or a comparable rating by another nationally recognized rating agency.
- Banker's Acceptances issued within the United States by banks on the AU Official Depositories List or by depository institutions with a long term debt rating of at least AA or short term debt rating of AAA (or comparable ratings) as provided by one of the top nationally recognized rating agencies.
- Money Market Deposit Accounts in banks on the AU Official Depositories List. These funds are subject to full collateralization for the amounts above the FDIC coverage limit.
- Money Market Mutual Funds that are rated AAA. (invested solely in the items listed under this section)

- Certificates of Deposit issued by banks on the AU Official Depositories List and fully collateralized for the amounts above the FDIC coverage limit. Negotiable Certificates of Deposit or Deposit Notes issued by credit worthy United States Banks in amounts not to exceed the FDIC coverage limit.
- Direct obligations of the United States or obligations unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States.
- Obligations of a Federally sponsored instrumentality of the United States (including mortgage-backed securities), including but not limited to the following:
  - Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)
  - Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC)
  - Federal Farm Credit Banks (FFCB)
  - Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA)
  - Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA)
  - Student Loan Marketing Association (SLMA)
  - Financing Corporation (FICO)
  - Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)
  - Government Trust Certificates (GTC)
  - Resolution Funding Corp. (REFCO)
- Municipal Bonds, both taxable and tax free, of bank qualified investment quality.

### **Collateralization**

Collateralization is required on all bank deposits and repurchase agreements.

- Bank deposits will be collateralized consistent with the SAFE Program, Title 41, Chapter 14A of the Code of Alabama (1975).
- Repurchase agreements must be collateralized as follows:
  - Collateral shall consist of U.S. Treasury Securities, Federal Agency Securities, or Agency-Issued Mortgage Backed Securities.
  - Market value of the collateral shall be maintained at one hundred two percent (102%) of the cash invested in order to accommodate market fluctuations.
  - A safekeeping agent designated by the Office of Cash Management and Treasury will hold collateral as evidenced by safekeeping receipts.
  - The right of collateral substitution is granted.

### **Safekeeping and Custody**

All securities purchased by the University shall be settled on a delivery versus payment (“DVP”) basis. A safekeeping agent designated by the University pursuant to a competitive selection process, or by a Federal Reserve Bank, will hold these securities.

### **Diversification**

The investment portfolio shall be diversified by security type, institution, and maturity. The Office of Cash Management and Treasury shall take into account concentrations resulting from the obligations of a single/related issuer or industry, geographic and type distributions.

- Inherent Risk- Investment managers are expected to make decisions based upon an analysis of each security instrument to determine its quality, inherent risks, fit within the overall objectives of the University, and prospects for yield and/or appreciation. These risks include the following:
  - Credit (Default) risk- the potential for failure of a debtor to make timely payments of principal and interest as they become due.
  - Liquidity Risk- The risk that a financial instrument cannot be sold or closed out quickly, at or close to its implicit economic value. As liquidity decreases bid/offer spreads typically widen.
  - Interest Rate Risk- The risk that interest rates will change, causing a decline in either the market price for the security or a decline in yield.
  - Prepayment Risk- The risk that the actual prepayment of principal is different from the expected prepayment speed assumptions, thereby affecting the actual market price and yield of the investment.
  - Market Risk- The risk that the market price of the security will decline substantially for reasons such as market pricing aberrations, and changes in supply and demand characteristics of a particular security market(s). Market sensitivity, or the potential variability of price, yield (income), and cash flow characteristics of a security depending upon changes in market interest rates, is also a consideration.
  - Operating Risk-Potential for loss because of inadequate policies, procedures, controls, error, fraud, etc.
- Financial Institutions- Approved financial institutions perform various transactions for the University, such as cash letter processing, funds transfers, and acceptance of deposits. Additionally, these institutions may hold Certificate of Deposit accounts, and transact repurchase agreements.

### **Maturity and Portfolio Mix**

In order to meet the primary objectives of the University’s policy, the investment portfolio will be divided into three portfolio pools:

- Primary Liquidity Portfolio- This portfolio is to be the major source for disbursement requirements and operational needs. Safety of principal and liquidity at the expense of return on investment are the foremost objectives of this portfolio. Investments in this portfolio will have an average maturity of no more than twelve months and include money market accounts, Certificate of Deposits, and repurchase agreements.
- Intermediate Portfolio- Investments within this Portfolio will be liquid within five business days or less. The investment objective of this portfolio is to produce a total return higher than the return on assets of the Primary Liquidity Portfolio. Investments in this portfolio will have an average maturity of no more than three years and include treasuries, agencies, commercial paper, mortgage backed securities, and Certificate of Deposits.
- Short Term Portfolio- The objective of the Short Term Portfolio is to generate an investment return higher than the return on assets of the Primary Liquidity Portfolio and

Intermediate Portfolio. Investments in this portfolio with maturities greater than 5 years are permitted (overall duration not to exceed ten years). It is expected that when maturity increases, return should also increase. Investments in this portfolio include treasuries, agencies, commercial paper and mortgage backed securities.

- Characteristics of the Auburn University investment portfolio include:
  - The target asset allocation for the overall investment portfolio is:
    - Primary Liquidity Portfolio 5%-20%
    - Intermediate Portfolio 30%-40%
    - Short Term Portfolio 30%-40%
  - The weighted average maturity shall not be more than three (3) years, unless authorized by the Office of Cash Management and Treasury.
  - Quality Rating. The minimum investment quality rating for all investments at time of purchase shall be “AA or Aa” by Standard & Poor’s and/or Moody’s. “Split” ratings where one agency rating differs from another will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Debt securities downgraded below BBB or equivalent rating should be sold as soon as the market conditions are favorable to avoid/minimize loss.
  - All investment instruments will be denominated in US currency only.
  - Maturity and issuer limitations are as follows:

<b>Investment Type</b>	<b>Maximum Maturity at time of Purchase</b>	<b>Maximum Per Issuer</b>
Treasuries	10 years	No limit
Agencies	10 years	No limit
Agency-Issued Mortgage Backed	15 year final, 5 year Average Life	No limit
Taxable Municipal Bonds	10 Years	No limit
Repurchase Agreements	60 days	15% of issuer’s capital or \$400 million, whichever is less.
Mutual Funds	N/A	10% of average investment portfolio

### **Gifts/Awards**

It is anticipated that from time to time the University will receive gifts/awards in the form of marketable securities. In such event the policy requires that the University will liquidate the securities as soon as possible. In the event that the securities are restricted from sale for a designated period of time due to regulatory reasons, the University will hold said securities until the restricted period has elapsed and then liquidate the securities as soon as possible thereafter. The University will make no attempt to add value to the Pool by holding gifted securities. Any exceptions to hold marketable securities must be approved by the Treasurer.

### **Internal Loans**

At Management's discretion, based on an Auburn University internal unit's request, Non-Endowment Cash Pool funds may be used to bridge financing for the construction, renovation, improving and/or equipping of university facilities. The internal loans will follow the *Internal Loan Guidelines*, and the interest rate will be fixed (based on the *Term Sheet for Internal Loans*).

As stated in the *Internal Loan Guidelines*, the request will be reviewed and approved by the Executive Facilities Committee. Once approved, an Internal Bridge Loan Memo of Understanding, prepared by the Controller's Office will be entered into by the unit requesting the funds and sanctioned by the Senior Vice President for Business & Administration and Chief Financial Officer.

### **Exceptions to Policy**

Investments are required to comply with the objectives and guidelines set forth in this policy. The Treasurer requires that any exceptions taken in this Investment Policy Statement be submitted in writing pending the approval of the Treasurer. The Treasurer must explicitly authorize each exception in writing. Failure to notify the Treasurer and obtain written authorization will result in the investment manager being liable for any corresponding loss to the University.

### **Pass Through or Designated Funds**

This policy shall also cover pass through funds (endowment funds to be forwarded to external endowment fund managers) and any funds managed by the Office of Cash Management and Treasury and designated for specific purposes and not covered by individual investment restrictions (i.e. endowment funds that may not be co-mingled, Bond Proceeds during construction, Health Insurance Trust, etc.).

### **Internal Control Objectives**

The Office of Cash Management and Treasury shall establish internal controls and procedures to regulate the investment function and related activities performed by staff. The controls shall be designed to prevent the loss of University funds arising from fraud, employee error, or imprudent actions by authorized investment officers.

The Office of Internal Audit, Compliance and Privacy will provide an independent review and audit of the internal controls every 3-5 years to assure compliance with policies, procedures and applicable State laws and regulations.

### **Performance Standards**

The portfolio shall be designed to obtain an attractive rate of return throughout economic cycles commensurate with investment risk constraints and cash flow needs. Benchmarks will be established that most closely reflect the strategy pursued or securities purchased.

### **Reporting**

The Office of Cash Management and Treasury will maintain accurate, complete and timely records of all investment activities and submit quarterly detailed reports to the Treasurer.

Investment managers/brokers will provide monthly reports to the Office of Cash Management and Treasury and/or custodian that include performance results and market value. Additionally, quarterly reports will be provided that include economic and investment outlook, notice of any material changes in organizational structure, ownership, key personnel, etc. of the firm, and any material outstanding litigation against the firm or any of its members.

**Effective Date and Transition Provisions**

This policy is adopted and is effective June 10, 2016. The Office of Cash Management and Treasury shall review the policy at least annually; and make recommendations for revision to the Treasurer.

ADOPTED: June 10, 2016  
REVISED:           , 2023

## **Executive Committee**

Chairperson Dumas indicated that the Executive Committee met earlier and discussed one action item, a list of proposed awards and namings. Chairperson Dumas moved for approval of the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vines, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE WIDE RECEIVERS COACH'S OFFICE  
IN THE WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER  
AS THE STEVE CATES FAMILY WIDE RECEIVERS COACH'S OFFICE

November 17, 2023

WHEREAS, Mr. Steve Cates graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Steve and his wife Lyn reside in Nashville, Tennessee, where they raised their two children: Wesley, a 2016 Auburn graduate, and Hannah; and

WHEREAS, Steve is founder and president of Cates Builders and Cates-Kottas Development, LLC in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Steve currently serves as vice chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board and chair of the Auburn University Real Estate Foundation, and he has served on the Auburn Athletics Advisory Council, the Auburn Alumni Engineering Council, and the Engineering Strategic Leadership Team; and

WHEREAS, Steve and Lyn have a heart for Auburn's student-athletes and have invested in several Auburn Athletics programs including football and basketball; and

WHEREAS, outside of Auburn Athletics, the Cates Family has also supported the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, and are members of Auburn's 1856 Society, Petrie Society, Foy Society, Engineering Keystone Society, and Engineering Ginn Society; and

WHEREAS, Steve and Lyn Cates are members of Auburn Athletics Talon Society and have provided invaluable support to Tigers Unlimited and Auburn Athletics, most recently through an investment in the Auburn Football Program with a gift to help build the new Woltosz Football Performance Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the wide receivers coach's office in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Steve Cates Family Wide Receivers Coach's Office in honor of the Cates Family's generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE HEAD COACH'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S OFFICE  
IN THE WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER AS THE  
TRIP AND JENNIFER TODD HEAD COACH'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S  
OFFICE

November 17, 2023

WHEREAS, Dr. Trip and Mrs. Jennifer Todd reside in Auburn, Alabama, where Trip is a retired surgeon and Jennifer works for Auburn University in the Office of International Programs; and

WHEREAS, Trip and Jennifer, along with their extended family, represent three generations of honors graduates from Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, the Todds' deep faith and dedication to serving others have led them to support multiple charities such as Harbor Church in Dothan, Alabama, the Food Bank of East Alabama, and Auburn Community Church; and

WHEREAS, the Todd Family's philanthropic support of the Auburn Football Program has earned them membership into The Talon Society, one of Auburn Athletics' most prestigious giving societies; and

WHEREAS, Trip and Jennifer wish to show appreciation for the amazing opportunities that Auburn University and the Auburn Family have provided them; and

WHEREAS, Trip and Jennifer recently committed a leadership gift to support the construction of the Woltosz Football Performance Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the head coach's administrative assistant's office in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Trip and Jennifer Todd Head Coach's Administrative Assistant's Office in honor of the Todds' generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE HEAD COACH'S OFFICE PATIO  
IN THE WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER AS  
THE TRIP AND JENNIFER TODD HEAD COACH'S OFFICE PATIO

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the head coach's office patio in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Trip and Jennifer Todd Head Coach's Office Patio in honor of the Todds' generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE TIGHT ENDS/SPECIAL TEAMS OFFICE  
IN THE WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER  
AS THE STEVE AND MARIAN PHILLIPS TIGHT ENDS/SPECIAL TEAMS OFFICE

November 17, 2023

WHEREAS, Mr. Steven Scott Phillips graduated from Auburn University in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in marketing, and Mrs. Marian LaRussa Phillips graduated from Auburn University in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in marketing; and

WHEREAS, Steve and Marian Phillips reside in Birmingham, Alabama, where they raised their three now-adult daughters: Katie, Carol Anne, and Carmen; and

WHEREAS, Steve began his career in financial services in 1989 and is currently the branch manager and managing director of investments for Benjamin F. Edwards, and Marian serves on the board of directors of both the Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation and the Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Phillips family has a heart for Auburn's student-athletes and has invested in several Auburn Athletics programs including football, basketball, and men's and women's golf; and

WHEREAS, outside of Auburn Athletics, the Phillips family has also supported the Harbert College of Business and the College of Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Steve and Marian Phillips are members of Auburn Athletics Talon Society and have provided invaluable support to Tigers Unlimited and Auburn Athletics, most recently through an investment in the Auburn Football Program with a gift to help build the new Woltosz Football Performance Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the tight ends/special teams office in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Steve and Marian Phillips Tight Ends/Special Teams Office in honor of the Phillips family's generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE COURTYARD AT THE WILLIAMS FAMILY BARN  
AT THE AUBURN EQUESTRIAN CENTER AS THE  
GINGER WOLTOSZ COURTYARD

November 17, 2023

WHEREAS, Mr. Walter “Walt” Woltosz graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree and a master’s in aerospace engineering from Auburn University, and is co-founder and chairman of Simulations Plus, Inc., one of the nation’s premier high technology companies dedicated to providing leading-edge pharmaceutical simulations and modeling software in health care; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Virginia “Ginger” Woltosz graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from San Jose State University and a master’s in business administration from the University of Phoenix, and is co-founder of Simulations Plus, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walt Woltosz received an honorary Doctor of Science from the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering for his service to the university, state, and nation, and for service to mankind; and

WHEREAS, the Woltoszs’ extraordinary commitments and philanthropy extend across campus at Auburn University, including Auburn Athletics through the Tigers Unlimited Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Walt Woltosz has served Auburn University in numerous capacities, including as a director of the Auburn University Foundation Board, the Ginn College of Engineering Campaign Committee, and the Research Campaign Committee; and

WHEREAS, through their unparalleled generosity to Auburn University, the Woltoszs are members of Auburn’s most prestigious giving societies, including Athletics’ Pat Dye Society and Auburn’s 1856 Society President’s Circle; and

WHEREAS, the Woltoszs recently committed a leadership gift to support the Auburn Equestrian Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the courtyard outside the Williams Family Barn at the Auburn Equestrian Center be named the Ginger Woltosz Courtyard in honor of the Woltosz Family’s generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE PAVED DRIVE THAT RUNS FROM WIRE ROAD TO  
THE WILLIAMS FAMILY BARN AT THE AUBURN EQUESTRIAN CENTER AS  
ROSEMARY LANE

November 17, 2023

WHEREAS, Mr. Jerre O. (Joey) Pierson graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in accountancy in 1986; and

WHEREAS, following a 15-year career with Ernst & Young as a staff accountant in the audit division, Joey currently serves as CEO and President of Tacala, LLC, the largest Taco Bell franchisee in the country with 354 Taco Bell locations and one KFC in the Southeast and Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rosemary Pierson is a devoted community volunteer and supports many philanthropic causes in Auburn and across the state; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary and Joey are members of the Pat Dye Society, Auburn Athletics' most prestigious giving society, providing invaluable support to Tigers Unlimited, most recently through an investment in the Auburn Equestrian Program; and

WHEREAS, outside of Auburn Athletics, the Pierson family has also supported the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center and the Harbert College of Business, and through their philanthropic giving, have earned membership into Auburn University's premiere giving societies including the 1856 Society and the Foy Society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the paved drive that runs from Wire Road to the Williams Family Barn at the Auburn Equestrian Center be named Rosemary Lane in honor of the Pierson family's generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE OFFENSIVE LINE POSITION ROOM  
IN THE WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER AS  
THE JAY AND VALERIE CHANDLER OFFENSIVE LINE POSITION ROOM

November 17, 2023

WHEREAS, Mr. Jay Chandler graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Jay and his wife Valerie Chandler reside in Huntsville, Alabama, where they raised their three children, Jayce, Patton, and Matthew; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chandler co-founded Chandler May, Inc. in Huntsville, Alabama, in 1990, and Chandler May, Inc. became a leading provider of fully integrated, mission critical systems to the Unmanned Aerial Systems industry before the company was purchased by Lockheed Martin in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Jay and Valerie Chandler are members of Auburn Athletics Heisman Society and have provided invaluable support to Tigers Unlimited and Auburn Athletics, most recently through an investment in the Auburn Football Program with a gift to help build the new Woltosz Football Performance Center; and

WHEREAS, outside of Auburn Athletics, the Chandler family has also supported the Ginn College of Engineering and are members of the Foy Society, the College of Engineering Ginn Society, and the 1856 Society; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the offensive line position room in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Jay and Valerie Chandler Offensive Line Position Room in honor of the Chandler family's generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE SUPER SUITES ON THE SECOND FLOOR  
OF NEVILLE ARENA AS  
THE SHARON & ROBERT MADDOX CLUB

November 17, 2023

WHEREAS, Robert Maddox is a partner at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP where he leads the firm's Banking and Financial Services Group with work focused on crisis management, negotiations, investigations and fraud matters, consumer financial services compliance and litigation, and commercial real estate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox earned two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, a Juris Doctor degree from Samford University Cumberland School of Law, and a Master of Real Estate Development from the Harbert College of Business at Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox serves as an Instructor in Residence at Samford University Cumberland School of Law and as an adjunct professor in the Master of Real Estate Development program in the Harbert College of Business at Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox and his wife Sharon reside in Birmingham, Alabama, where they are involved in their community and have raised their four children – Morgan, a 2020 Auburn University graduate; Richmond, a 2022 Auburn University graduate; Henry, who attends Pomona College in Claremont, California; and Helen, who is a sophomore at Vestavia Hills High School; and

WHEREAS, the Maddox Family are longtime, loyal supporters of Auburn Athletics and routinely attend Auburn Athletics events; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Sharon Maddox are members of the Pat Dye Society, Auburn Athletics' most prestigious giving society, serve on the Tigers Unlimited Council, and have provided invaluable support to Tigers Unlimited and Auburn Athletics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the super suites located on the second floor of Neville Arena above Pierson Lounge be named the Sharon & Robert Maddox Club in recognition of the Maddox family's generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn Athletics and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING SECOND FLOOR, 2013-15 4<sup>th</sup> AVE N, BIRMINGHAM, AL  
AS THE CHERYL E. MORGAN DESIGN LAB

November 17, 2023

WHEREAS, Cheryl E. Morgan received her bachelor's degree in architecture from Auburn University in 1974 and was recognized with the American Institute of Architects' School Medal, the Auburn University President's Award, and the Bronze Medal of Alpha Rho Chi; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan received a master's degree in architecture at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She went on to hold professional positions in San Francisco, California firms; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan taught at Georgia Institute of Technology, directing their Foreign Study Program in Paris, and at Oklahoma State University, becoming their first female design professor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan returned to Auburn in 1992, leading the fourth-year program emphasizing urban design and placemaking. She served as Director of the Urban Studio in Birmingham from 2001 until her retirement in 2013. She was a founding member of Your Town Alabama and worked with DesignAlabama and the Small Town Design Initiative, collaborating with more than 100 small towns and communities. She provided leadership for Birmingham's Railroad Park and Rotary Trail; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan was honored as the Anne and Batey Gresham Professor of Architecture and received the Faculty Award for Excellence in Outreach. The Cheryl E. Morgan Endowed Scholarship was established in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University purchased a building in downtown Birmingham to create a permanent home for the Urban Studio; and

WHEREAS, a philanthropic gift was made to support the Urban Studio program and honor the transformative impact Ms. Morgan has had on her students and on towns across Alabama;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Second Floor, 2013-15 4<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Birmingham, AL be named The Cheryl E. Morgan Design Lab in honor of her contributions to Architecture and Planning and the significant role she has played in educating Auburn design professionals.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE RECORDING STUDIO  
IN GOODWIN HALL  
AS THE DON AND ALEXANDRA CLAYTON “LUCKY MAN” STUDIO

November 17, 2023

WHEREAS, Donald K. Clayton graduated from Auburn University in 1975 with a bachelor’s degree in music education; and

WHEREAS, Donald K. and Alexandra Clayton have generously supported various initiatives at Auburn University, including significant gifts to the Recording Studio Fund for Excellence, which will be used to support operating costs and equipment used in the Recording Studio; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clayton has an innate passion for music that began at the age of four. This eventually shaped his future as a recording studio owner, music writer, singer, and hospitality business owner, and with hard work and dedication, led to a successful music career and the determination to live a story worth telling;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Recording Studio in Goodwin Hall be named Don and Alexandra Clayton “Lucky Man” Studio in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton’s generous support and ongoing dedication.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION**

**NAMING THE SHARED MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR  
OF THE NEW COLLEGE OF EDUCATION BUILDING  
AS THE GERALD AND EMILY LEISCHUCK MEETING ROOM**

**November 17, 2023**

**WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald Leischuck and Mrs. Emily Leischuck both graduated from Auburn University's College of Education in 1964; and**

**WHEREAS, Gerald and Emily have provided decades of leadership and service to enrich Auburn University; and**

**WHEREAS, they have tirelessly served as volunteers and advocates for the College of Education and other areas of the university; and**

**WHEREAS, the couple shared a love of fostering learning and instruction and have made efforts to improve education through their careers, engagement, and philanthropy; and**

**WHEREAS, Gerald has made a significant contribution to Auburn University College of Education Building efforts.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shared Meeting Room on the second floor of the new College of Education building be named the Gerald and Emily Leischuck Meeting Room in recognition of Gerald's generous support for Auburn University and the College of Education.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE LRC SMALL HUDDLE ROOM  
IN THE NEW COLLEGE OF EDUCATION BUILDING  
AS THE KENNETH AND FRAN CADENHEAD HUDDLE ROOM

November 17, 2023

WHEREAS, Kenneth and Fran Cadenhead had a passion for teaching and making a difference in the lives of others – both young and old; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Cadenhead received his doctorate degree from Auburn University. He was named Professor Emeritus after serving the Auburn University College of Education for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cadenhead's career began in a one-room schoolhouse at Oak Mountain School in Carroll County, Georgia. His career included being a teacher, principal, professor, researcher, author, and innovator.

WHEREAS, Dr. Cadenhead was known for getting teachers/professors to work in teams to create exciting learning environments for students. His emphasis was always on breaking down walls to share ideas across disciplines; and

WHEREAS, Fran Cadenhead was a classroom teacher who taught while raising her four children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cadenhead taught first grade at Wrights Mill Road Elementary School in Auburn, where she is remembered as a kind and caring teacher who worked with students to meet their individual learning needs. She was passionate about educating people of all backgrounds and, during retirement, was highly involved with the Lee County Literacy Coalition; and

WHEREAS, their children, Michael, Melanie, Mark, and Milton, as well as two of their five grandchildren, Maria and Sara, are all graduates of Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, the Cadenhead family desires future teachers to know of the contributions to the important profession of teaching made by Dr. and Mrs. Cadenhead;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LRC Huddle Room in the new College of Education building be named the Kenneth and Fran Cadenhead Huddle Room to recognize the legacy of the Cadenheads on Auburn University and the field of education.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS, LEADERSHIP AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM  
IN THE NEW COLLEGE OF EDUCATION BUILDING  
AS THE JIM AND SHARON LOVELL CONFERENCE ROOM

November 17, 2023

WHEREAS, Jim and Sharon Lovell met and fell in love at Auburn University while they were students. Jim was a 1962 graduate of the Harbert College of Business and Sharon was a student in the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, they raised their family in Vestavia Hills, Alabama and were married for 52 years. Jim and Sharon shared their love of Auburn University with their children, Bo and Dan, as well as their grandchildren, Sarah, Ashlyn, and Jay; and

WHEREAS, Jim had a 17-year career in banking, then earned his insurance certificate and opened Jim Lovell & Associates, which he grew for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Sharon served on the Vestavia Hills Board of Education, as a delegate of the Alabama Association of School Boards, and on the National Association of School Boards. She worked with counselors in the Vestavia Hills City school system to support local disadvantaged/low-income children and families and was a member of the College of Education's National Alumni Council and Development Leadership Team; and

WHEREAS, Jim and Sharon shared a passion for education and the impact it has on the lives of others because education "gives me the knowledge to work wisely and trains my mind and my hands to work skillfully";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Educational Foundations, Leadership and Technology Department Conference Room in the College of Education's new building be named the Jim and Sharon Lovell Conference Room in recognition of their generous support for Auburn University and the College of Education.

**RESOLUTION**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**NAMING ROOM 124**  
**IN LOWDER HALL AS THE**  
**GEORGIA ANN BOUTWELL AND JENNIFER BOUTWELL BURTON CLASSROOM**

November 17, 2023

WHEREAS, Georgia Ann Boutwell graduated from Auburn University in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in accountancy; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Boutwell Burton graduated from Auburn University in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in accountancy, and in 2010 with a master's degree in accountancy; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Ann Boutwell is a longtime supporter of the Shareholders' Society in the Harbert College, and is a member of Auburn University's Samford Society and Foy Society; and

WHEREAS, David Boutwell is making a philanthropic gift in honor of his wife, Georgia Ann Boutwell, and his daughter, Jennifer Boutwell Burton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Room 124 in Lowder Hall at the Harbert College of Business be named the Georgia Ann Boutwell and Jennifer Boutwell Burton Classroom in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE CANINE PERFORMANCE SCIENCES BREEDING PROGRAM  
THE PAT O'NEALL CANINE BREEDING PROGRAM

November 17, 2023

WHEREAS, Pat O'Neall was born in 1927 in Saskatchewan, Canada, and later moved to the United States with her parents, where they cultivated a love and appreciation for animals; and

WHEREAS, Pat graduated from high school in Owatonna, Minnesota, earned a bachelor's of arts degree from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and later completed graduate work in the Management Training Program at Radcliff College in Cambridge, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Pat and her husband, John O'Neall, moved to Russell County, Alabama to devote themselves to breeding, raising, training, and placing into competition some of the best field trial dogs in America; and

WHEREAS, Pat and her husband had two world champion bird dogs, and Pat was the first female field trial participant and member of the Field Trials Association of America; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Pat began hosting faculty, staff and students from the Canine Performance Sciences Program in the College of Veterinary Medicine at her home and field trial grounds in Russell County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Pat welcomed Auburn CPS trainers, scientists and students in support of the development of Auburn dogs, which were destined to become some of the world's premier detector canines; and

WHEREAS, Pat provided generous philanthropic support to the Canine Performance Sciences Program at Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, For 93 years, Pat exhibited spirit, love and faith in all aspects of her life before she passed away on November 30, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Canine Performance Sciences Breeding Program in the College of Veterinary Medicine be named the Pat O'Neall Canine Breeding Program in recognition of Pat's service to her fellow man, support of canine research, and her friendship and generosity to the College of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn University.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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**WHEREAS, Pat and her husband, John O'Neall, moved to Russell County, Alabama to devote themselves to breeding, raising, training, and placing into competition some of the best field trial dogs in America; and**

**WHEREAS, Pat and her husband had two world champion bird dogs, and Pat was the first female field trial participant and member of the Field Trials Association of America; and**

**WHEREAS, In 2014, Pat began hosting faculty, staff and students from the Canine Performance Sciences Program in the College of Veterinary Medicine at her home and field trial grounds in Russell County, Alabama; and**

**WHEREAS, Pat welcomed Auburn CPS trainers, scientists and students in support of the development of Auburn dogs, which were destined to become some of the world's premier detector canines; and**

**WHEREAS, Pat provided generous philanthropic support to the Canine Performance Sciences Program at Auburn University; and**

**WHEREAS, For 93 years, Pat exhibited spirit, love and faith in all aspects of her life before she passed away on November 30, 2020;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Canine Performance Sciences Breeding Program in the College of Veterinary Medicine be named the Pat O'Neall Canine Breeding Program in recognition of Pat's service to her fellow man, support of canine research, and her friendship and generosity to the College of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn University.**

Before recessing the meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Riggins asked for a motion to select Mr. Sanford as the second board member—alongside Mr. Z. Smith as *President Pro Tempore* Riggins’ proxy—to serve on the Trustee Selection Committee for the 2024 Selection Process.

A motion was received from Mr. Dumas. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and the Board approved the motion by a voice vote.

*President Pro Tempore* Riggins then indicated that with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon G. Waggoner", written over a horizontal line.

Jon G. Waggoner  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees